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## Qualifications of Dive Team

### *General*

Each dive team member should have the experience or training necessary to perform assigned tasks in a safe and healthful manner.

Each public safety diver should be trained, qualified and certified for the diving mode being used. Each diver should have experience or training in the following:

- The use of the instruments and equipment appropriate to the diving activity to be conducted;
- Dive planning and emergency guidelines;
- Diver rescue techniques, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, oxygen administration and other diving related first aid; and
- Diving related physics and physiology as well as recognition of pressure-related injuries.

A dive team should consist of at least four members who will include the primary diver with tender and a standby diver with tender. As span of control is expanded, the number of people will increase.

### *Assignments*

Each dive team member should be assigned tasks in accordance with the employee's experience or training. Limited additional tasks may be assigned to an employee undergoing training provided that these tasks are performed under the direct supervision of an experienced dive team member.

#### **Primary Diver**

A qualified diver performing initial underwater activities relating to the dive request.

#### **Dive Team Leader**

An appropriately qualified diver should be designated by the dive team as the dive team leader for each dive or series of dives. The dive team leader should be responsible for the diving operation. Level of experience and training in dealing with the task at hand will supersede rank/classification in selecting a dive team leader. The dive team leader should be at the dive location during the diving operation.

#### **Standby Diver**

An appropriately qualified diver, who is part of the dive team, should have the level of experience and training in dealing with the task at hand. The standby diver should be fully dressed and ready to assist the primary diver.

#### **Tender**

A surface support person responsible for handling a single diver's umbilical and for maintaining voice and/or standard line signal communications should be part of the dive team.